



# Education Watch

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## Momentum, Support for H.R. 1 Continues to Build

Support and praise for H.R. 1 has been pouring in since the Education & the Workforce Committee passed the landmark bill by an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 41-7 on May 9. Indeed, a diverse coalition of grassroots groups -- from home schoolers to high tech leaders -- is heaping praise on President Bush's *No Child Left Behind* bill.

- Clint Bolick, of the Institute for Justice, informed school choice activists, "Given that Title I portability has never previously done well in Congress, [the supplemental services provision allowing Title I money to flow to private, faith-based providers] is a significant step forward."
- The Home School Legal Defense Foundation, with a membership that numbers 70,000, praised H.R. 1 for its many safeguards for home and private schools -- prohibiting mandatory national teacher testing or certification and exempting home and private schools from any testing mentioned in the ESEA, for example.
- TechNet, a network of more than 275 high tech CEOs, said H.R. 1 "will go a long way in helping prepare our kids for the digital world."
- The Charter Friends National Network, which connects more than 70 grassroots charter support organizations across the country, lauded H.R. 1 for new funding for charter schools and its deference to states in defining charter school teacher certification requirements.

### Message of the Day

**Support for H.R. 1 among grassroots organizations and the American people at large is strong and getting stronger.**

- ❑ *High tech leaders realize how essential H.R. 1 will be in ensuring the long-term growth of technology in America.*
- ❑ *School choice groups recognize the significance and unprecedented nature of the bill's safety valve and supplemental educational services provisions.*
- ❑ *Charter, private, and home school leaders know that H.R. 1 keeps the federal government in check.*

### DAILY EDUCATION FACTS

- H.R. 1 provides **immediate** public school choice, giving parents the right to choose a better-performing public school immediately if their child's school is identified as failing.
- The bill allows parents to choose a provider of their choice paid for by Title 1 funds to help their child receive tutoring, after school, and other remedial educational services -- **including from faith-based providers for the first time ever.**
- H.R. 1 **explicitly prohibits national testing** and exempts home and private schools from federal control.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Proponents of the most purely reactionary cause in contemporary politics -- resistance to school choice, particularly for poor children poorly served by inner-city schools -- are waging a ferocious rear-guard fight against fairness."* **George F. Will, Washington Post, October 15, 2000**